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Re: Interview Date/Time: July 17, 2002 at 10:30 a.m.

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TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A PATIENT'S BODY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2002, please amend the abovereferenced application as indicated below

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 50 and 51.

Please amend claims 1, 55, 58 and 65 as follows:

- A medical device for localization of target tissue comprising:
 - a shaft having a distal end with a distal tip and a proximal end;
 - a distal cutting element disposed on said distal tip; and